AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Original) A vehicular infrared light radiating lamp including a light source unit comprising: a reflector, a light source mounted on said reflector, a tubular lens holder, a convex lens mounted via said tubular lens holder forward of said reflector, an infrared light transmitting film provided in and traversing a light path between said reflector and said convex lens, an infrared light transmitting film-free region being provided on an outer periphery of said infrared light transmitting film such that visible light from said light source is emitted from a rim portion of said convex lens, and a light shielding member provided on said lens holder and disposed to the rear of said rim portion of said convex lens for blocking light in a direct path between said light source and reflector and said infrared light transmitting film-free region while allowing other visible light to enter said infrared light transmitting film-free region.
- 2. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein said infrared light transmitting film is formed on a rear surface of said convex lens.
- 3. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, further comprising a transparent plate disposed to the rear of and parallel to a rear surface of said convex lens, said infrared light transmitting film being formed on said transparent plate.

- 4. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 3, wherein said transparent plate is disposed between said rear surface of said convex lens and said light shielding member.
- 5. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 4, wherein said transparent plate is spaced from said rear surface of said convex lens.
- 6. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 3, wherein said transparent plate is disposed between rearward of said light shielding member and spaced from said light shielding member.
- 7. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein said light shielding member extends in a stepped configuration on an inner side of a lens engaging portion on a front edge portion of said lens holder.
- 8. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein a radially inward end portion of said light shielding member has a tapered shape.

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- 9. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 8, wherein said radially inward end portion of said light shielding member is non-reflective.
- 10. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 5, wherein said radially inward end portion of said light shielding member is treated with a blackening treatment.
- 11. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein step portions for mounting said convex lens are formed at a plurality of locations substantially equally spaced in a circumferential direction on a lens engaging portion on a front edge of the lens holder, said step portions being notched in an arc shape with tapered inner peripheral surfaces diametrically expanding forward.
- 12. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein said other light comprises light reflected from said infrared light transmitting film.
- 13. (Original) The vehicular infrared light radiating lamp according to claim 1, wherein said infrared light transmitting film passes at least some non-red visible light.

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14. (Original) A vehicular infrared light radiating lamp including a light source unit comprising: a reflector, a light source mounted on said reflector, a tubular lens holder, a convex lens mounted via said tubular lens holder forward of said reflector, an infrared light transmitting film provided in and traversing a light path between said reflector and said convex lens, an infrared light transmitting film-free region being provided on an outer periphery of said infrared light transmitting film such that visible light from said light source is emitted from a rim portion of said convex lens, and means for blocking light in a direct path between said light source and reflector and said infrared light transmitting film-free region while allowing other visible light to enter said infrared light transmitting film-free region.

15. (Cancelled)